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President's Message

Greetings,

Hopefully, everyone has managed well during this period of isolation. The news from the organization is scant as we have been in shut-down mode.

The May meeting scheduled for May 26, 2020, is cancelled. By September, we expect to resume programs and meetings. Enjoy your summer and stay well.

TREES will continue to go out during the summer months so watch for announcements and scheduling. Don't forget the organization has publications for sale. Check the outside page of your monthly TREES issue for pricing.

One of our members, James A. Bailey, PhD, has recently published a book entitled the *History of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation*. A description of the publication follows along with ordering information if it may be of interest to anyone.

The *History of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation* describes the early SBI directors and their accomplishments as well as the bureau's appointment of the first agents, their backgrounds and some cases that made newspaper headlines. The book is an 8 ½" x 11" perfect bound paperback, 359 pages in length and includes 94 B&W photographs, 10 Figures and 2 Tables. It contains over 2,000 sources, a table of contents and an index.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Contributed by Deborah Coggins Gammon

Wilson Advance, May 17, 1894

KENLY NOTES.

We had a very refreshing rain in Kenly last Monday evening, enough to cause the balance of the cotton to come up, and the replanted corn.

The farmers in this section are making fewer and smaller debts this year than any year since the war.

Dr. Hodge is yet very sick. He is no better than he was last week. He is attended by Dr. Sasser, of Smithfield, and Dr. Noble, from Selma. His condition is considered somewhat precarious.

Mr. C. L. Stancell has closed his school here, and anticipates leaving Kenly in a few days. Kenly regrets very much having to give Charlie up; he is a good boy.

Elder Voluntine, a Free-will Baptist preacher, preached here last Sunday night to a well filled house. The Free-wills have a right large membership here, much larger than any other denomination.

Messrs. C. W. L__ and J. L. Hinnant left here last __day for Rocky Mount, where they are engaged in building a house for Mr. Morris, engineer for one of the work trains on the W. & W. R. R.

Miss Pattie Brown and Miss Donia Hales are visiting Kenly. They are the guests of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Guyton. They are from the neighborhood of Earpsboro, and if they are fair samples of the Earpsboro ladies, that section has cause for rejoicing.

Bicycle riding seems to be all the go in Kenly for the past few days. ...

[Editor's note: The submitted photocopy did not include the rest of the news.]

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NEWSOME FAMILY
Wilson County, North Carolina

By Charles Clement Lucas, Jr. MD 30 September 2000

(Newsome Family continued from previous issue of TREES)

Two of the children of Joel Newsom are important to the Wayne/ Wilson County area.

4) Joel Newsom, Jr., born 1742, married Penelope and moved to Dobbs County and settled along the present Wilson Wayne County line north of Fremont. He lived just northeast of Penright's Swamp. On his farm was built the Contentnea Monthly Meeting House. Joel had a son Joel Newsome, III.

Joel Newsome, III, was born about 1778 in Dobbs County and married Elizabeth Aycock daughter of Jesse Aycock of Dobbs County. He lived on the same land as his father.

Larry Leonidas Newsome, Sr., son of Joel III, and Elizabeth Aycock was born in 1808 and married Elizabeth Woodard, daughter of Stephen Woodard of the Black Creek area. He was a very large land owner in Wayne and Wilson Counties. His home was on the same property as Joel Newsome, Jr. He left a will in Wilson County dated 29 December 1874.

Joel Larry Newsome born 1849, son of Larry Leonidas Newsom, Sr., and Elizabeth Woodard married Cora Becton of Wayne County. He lived on the same land as Joel Newsome, Jr.

Larry Leonidas Newsome born 1878, son of Joel Larry Newsome and Cora married Mae Bass, daughter of Nathan Bass, of Lucama, North Carolina.

The descendants of Joel Newsome, Jr., still live on the same land between Black Creek and Fremont, North Carolina.

5) William Newsome was born in 1746 and married Mary Jordan, daughter of Joseph Jordan, Sr., and Patience Ricks of the Isle of Wight County, Virginia. These were all Quaker families. William and Patience moved to Dobbs County, North Carolina and lived near Joel Newsome, Jr., Willam purchased land from Pasco Peelle.

Based upon this marriage, descendants are eligible to join:

National Society of Descendants of Early Quakers
Huguenot Society

William Newsome owned over 1000 acres of land between Basses and Penright's Swamp north of Fremont.

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OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

George W. Batts
Wilson Daily Times, August 29, 1914

[Editor's note: The obituary of George W. Batts that was printed in the 8 Sep 1914 issue and the article about the funeral that was printed in the 10 Sep 1914 issue of the *Wilson Daily Times* were included in the August 2018 issue of *Trees of Wilson.* The same obituary was also included in the 29 Aug 1914 issue of the *Wilson Daily Times* with an additional paragraph which is printed here.]

He is survived by a widow and six children, the eldest of whom are Mr. Graham Batts and Mrs. P. Chagarris.

Henry Blount
Wilson Daily Times, September 1, 1914

[Editor's note: The obituary and article about his funeral were included in the June and August 2018 issues of *Trees of Wilson.* The tribute made by Rev. T. W. Chambliss at the funeral was not included in the copy presented for inclusion at that time. The 4 Sep 1914 issue of the *Wilson Daily Times* also carried a tribute to Henry Blount written by C. C. Daniel in Minneapolis, Minn. on Aug. 31, 1914.]

Mr. Chambliss said he did know Henry Blount and knew him intimately for about seven years. "I have read his very soul," he said, "and when a man reads a soul he knows a life." Henry Blount built his house beside the road and was a friend to man. ... Mr. Chambliss spoke of the writings and of the lectures of Henry Blount. He termed him as the "Messenger of Sunlight," who had carried sunlight to the mountains and to the sea.

...

The pall bearers were as follows: Honorary, Capt. J. G. Roney, Dr. N. B. Herring, R. S. Barnes, Dr. W. S. Anderson, J. Oettinger, Dr. Tom Person, J. D. Bullock; Active, W. E. Warren, J. D. Gold, W. A. Finch, S. G. Mewborn, F. D. Swindell, J. D. Farrior.

Moses Dew
Zion's Landmark, December 15, 1914

Moses Dew was the son of Larry Dew and his wife Nancy.

He was born on the 12th day of April, 1838, and died Oct. 14th, 1914. He was the last one of a large family of sixteen children, eleven sons and five daughters. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and a great admirer of General Lee.

He looked after the poor wounded soldiers on the battlefields, and administered to their wants, and returned home without a scar. In later years he took great delight in meeting the old soldiers and conversing with them about the narrow escapes they had while serving in the time of war.

He lost two brothers during that war; one was brought home after imprisonment and died soon after reaching home.

The other was killed in battle. The parents of this large family died during the war. Moses Dew was married in the spring of 1866 to Miss Spicy Ann Ellis. To them were born four children. One died in infancy and his oldest son, Larry Dew, died Nov. 15th, 1913. In May, 1875, his home was made lonely by the loss of his dear wife, leaving him to care for three small children, the baby being only nine months old.

He succeeded in securing the services of a good old lady as housekeeper for him, till he was married the second time, in the Fall of 1877, to Miss Medie E. Williford, and to them one son was born. They lived happily together till the end came. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Wilson, N. C., in 1889 or 1890 and attended the services regularly as long as he was able to go. He very much enjoyed the visits of his brethren. His parents were members of this same church.

(Obituaries continued on page 53)

EPRIAM HARRELL FAMILY INFORMATION

"Treasury of Song, No. 2"

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

[Contributor's notes: This is a song book I bought on ebay about the Ephgraim Harrell Family of Wilson. He was a policeman, I have been told, and that may be why the hanging of John Henry Rose was in this book.]

[First page of handwritten notes:]
Charlie Arthur Harrell, Borned Oct 22, 1891, Died January 12 1892
Annie Lee Harrell, Borned June 23, 1893, Died Oct 14 1894
Martha Elizza Beath Harrell, Borned Febuary 28 1895, Died Sept 1th 1896
John Dennis Harrell, Borned Oct 10, 1896, Died July 26, 1898
Wiley Tomas Harrell, Borned the Forth Saturday in Aug 1898, Died the Forth Wednesday in Sept 1898

[Second page of handwritten notes:]
Married last day of 1890
Ages of children
Charley Arthur the Son of Ephraim and Sarah Harrell, Borned Oct 22 1891, Died Janury 12 1892
Annie Lee Harrell, Borned June 23 1893, Died October 14, 1894
Martha ELizzey Beth Harrell, Borned Febuay 28, 1895, Died Sept 1th 1896
John Dennis Harrell, Borned Oct 10, 1896, Died July 26, 1898

[Third page of handwritten notes:]
Ephraim Harrell and Sarah Harrell were married December 31 1890
Charlie Arthur was Borned Oct 22 1891, Died January 12, 1892
Annie Lee was Borned June 23, 1893, Died Oct. 14, 1894
Martha Elzzie Beath was Borned Febuary 23 1895, Died Sept. 1, 1896
John D Harrell was Borned Oct 10, 1896, Died July 26 1898

[Fourth page of handwritten notes:]
Ephraim Joseph Harrell was Borned January 19, 1894
Charlie Britt Harrell was Borned Oct. 14, 1895

[Fifth page of handwritten notes:]
John Henry Rose was Hanged Feby 26th 1902 For the murder of Thomas Farmer he died in Eleven minuts he Droped 24 minuts after 10 oclock am

[Sixth and seventh pages of handwritten notes contained the words of a song – omitted]

[Eighth page of handwritten notes:]
Nancy Price was Borned January 20 day of 1841
Ephraim Harrell was Borned February 2 day 1866.
Sarah Harrell was Borned Febuary 18 day 1864

[Ninth page of handwritten notes:]
Nancy Price Borned January 20th 1841, Died Febr 2th 1902

[Tenth page of handwritten notes:]
Wiley Harrell moved forom Pitt County 1883
Louis D Ephraim Harrell Come to Wilson to Live 1892
Mother Died the 4 Sunday in August 1885 Wiley Harrell Died Feb 10 1892
E. Harrell Bought & moved to L. F. Farmers Place June 1904
E. Harrell & Sarah were married Dec 31st 1890.
E. Harrell Bought out G. D. Walston and took charge Aug 9, 1904

[Eleventh page of handwritten notes:]
E. Harrells Dog Jack was Borned Aug 8, 1894, Died Sept 7 1900

[Twelfth and Thirteenth pages of handwritten notes contained the words of a song followed by the name Mollie Harrell in what appears to be the same handwritting – omitted]

(Obituaries continued from page 51)

He was a useful and active man, taking delight in doing what he could for the poor and afflicted, till about a year before his death he fell, after which he failed rapidly. He was on the street near his house when he was attacked with blindness and fell, after which he was never able to walk. He bore his afflictions patiently and seemed grateful to his busy wife and others who waited on him. He quietly passed away, leaving a devoted wife, three children, and 17 grandchildren to mourn his absence.

SALLIE BALLANCE.

[Editor's notes: Another obituary, published in Zion's Landmark on 01 Dec 1914, was included in the April 2018 issue of *Trees of Wilson*. The 09 Oct 1914 issue of the *Wilson Daily Times* printed an obituary which was included in the November 2018 issue of *Trees of Wilson.*]

Margaret M. Morris
Wilson Daily Times, September 21, 1914

Funeral of Mrs. Morris

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret M. Morris occurred at four o'clock yesterday afternoon from her late residence and the services were conducted by Rev. M. Bradshaw.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. J. L. Bryan, W. R. Bryan, K. H. Watson, Doane Herring, J. S. Whitehead and W. W. Simms.

[Editor's note: The obituary was published in the *Wilson Daily Times* on September 19, 1914, and was included in the August 2018 issue of *Trees of Wilson.*]

Henry Miller Rogers
Wilson Daily Times, December 25 [?], 1914

Mr. H. M. Rogers

Mr. H. M. Rogers, a merchant on the northern outskirts of the city and highly esteemed by all who knew him died suddenly Saturday night in the 53rd year of his age.

About 9:45 Mr. Rogers came over to his residence from the store and while removing his overcoat dropped inside of the door. The last words he said was when he spoke to his little daughter, Gertrude and told her to open the door.

Mr. Rogers was a member of the First Baptist church of Wilson and the funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:30 by his pastor, Rev. T. W. Chambliss.

The deceased leaves a wife and seven children. Fortunately his son, Mr. H. M. Rogers, Jr., who has been away in Portsmouth, Ohio had just reached Wilson when the death of his father occurred.

The pall bearers were Messrs J. W. Riley, J. L. Riley, T. F. Pettus, R. A. Turlington, J. M. Daniel, C. J. Strickland.

[Editor's notes: Henry Miller Rogers, b. 02 Jul 1861, d. 26 Dec 1914, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson. Also buried in the same section were Infant daughter of H. M. & Lucy H. Rogers, 12 Jun 1914, and Lucy Hester Rogers (Mrs. H. M.) b. 06 Jul 1871, d. 23 Jan 1939. There were other Rogers individuals in the same section who may have been children or spouses of sons. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Vol. IV,* p 192)

The February 2019 issue of *Trees of Wilson* included a letter regarding payment of his life insurance benefits.]

Upcoming Meetings for Wilson County Genealogical Society

- September 29—Eric Jackson, "Blacks in the American Revolution"
- October 27—Brian Grawburg, title to announced later
- November 24—Donnie Lowe, "An Adoptee's Search to Find His Birth Parents," (rescheduled from March 2020)

WILLIAM PAGE'S FAMILY BY WIVES SUSAN AND RACHEL HICKS

Contributed by Albert R. Page, Sr.

(William Page continued from previous issue of TREES)

It appears that all these years, William Page farmed as a tenant for local land owners. Rachel was the housekeeper for her family. As the boys Bennett, William H. and Beauregard, got older they assisted their father as farm laborers. The 1870 census enumerator came calling in May or June, and he found ten members in the William Page household. They were household number 212 and close to neighbor Willie Robbins (no. 214) who descended from Eli Robbins. Father William Page was reported to have been fifty-nine years old, and Rachel Page was twenty years younger than her husband as she was reported to have been thirty-nine years old. Children of the first wife Susan Hicks, son Bennett Page was twenty-three, and his sister Ellen was twenty-two at that time. Rachel's children at home in 1870 were John Robert, nineteen; William, seventeen; Mary, fourteen; Beauregard, seven; Louisa, five; and Victoria, three. All who could were involved in working on the farm as laborers.[19] It is noticeable that there were age gaps between several of the different children. Without exact records, it is not known who else other than Thomas might have died between census records. A good Bible record would be nice to have to help solve this question. Neither of the parents in this family were literate. For that reason alone, if they had a Bible, they were limited in what they could do with it.

The Closing Years Starting With the 1880 Census

When the United States Government collected the census information in 1880, the William and Rachel Page family were still sticking together. The Wilson County record of that year indicated some interesting but disturbing developments that had taken place in this Page family during the last ten years. Most of the family members were in the census record as had been the case in previous census records. However, two members, John Robert Page and his younger sister Mary, were absent.[20] John Robert Page had been born about 1850 or 1851 and his sister Mary was born about 1855. They would have been roughly thirty and twenty-five years old by 1880. A search was made by this writer in the usual records, but nothing could be found for either, and they did not appear later in any records. It is possible they moved away, but this writer thinks they probably died between 1870 and 1880. It is painful that no graveyard or Bible record has been found that would help solve this case. This Page family that ultimately included twelve original members by the mid 1870's now seems to be down to eight by 1880. Father William Page was about sixty-eight years old at this time and wife Rachel Hicks was 48. The oldest children were well within the marriageable age, but they had stuck together for all these many years.[21]

That would change in the decade of the 1880's. Oldest son Ralph Bennett Page was the first to marry, and he chose Charlotte Page, the daughter of Theophilus Page and Mary Ruffin. Bennett married "Lottie" on 17 January 1883, in Wilson County.[22] They moved to establish their own family and household elsewhere. Brother William H. Page married Katey, the daughter of Rufus Roney and Mary Susan Page Forbes, on 12 December 1883, in Wilson County.[23]

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OTHER LOCAL MEETINGS

Edgecombe County Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 pm, third Thursdays, at Edgecombe County Memorial Library, Tarboro, N. C.

Farmville, N. C., Ancestor Seekers meets 10 am, second Saturdays, at Farmville Public Library, Farmville, N. C.

Greene County Family Researchers meets at 7:30 pm, third Thursdays, at Greene County Museum, Snow Hill, N. C.

Old Dobbs Genealogical Society meets at 10:30 am, third Saturdays of each calendar quarter, at Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.

Pitt County Family Researchers meets at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville, N. C.

Tar River Connections Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 pm, third Tuesdays of each month, except Dec., at Braswell Memorial Library, Rocky Mount, N. C.

(William Page continued from page 54)

It appears to this writer, that father William Page died maybe sometime in the mid 1880's. Again due to the lack of family records, a newspaper death notice, or a headstone, there is no way of knowing exactly when this patriarch passed away in the 1880's.[24] Since no 1890 census survives for Wilson County, that hurts this study badly as it does any research during this time period. What it looks like to this writer is that son William H. Page took responsibility for his mother and siblings after his father's death and tried to provide for the Page clan as best he could. They kept the family tradition of sticking together through these years. As a result the surviving family members of William Page lived with William H. and Katey Forbes Page in Gardners Township.[25]

A Wilson County Courthouse deed dated 12 December 1888, indicates that William H. Page and wife Katey bought from W. Woodward the "Dorsey Robbins farm" of 262 acres.[26] Likely William Page was counting on all the members in the family, which included Ellen, Louisa, Beauregard, Victoria and his mother Rachel, to help him and wife Katey in doing the work on this large farm. They were an extended family and needed to economically survive as had been their habit in the past. It appears that they succeeded in a fashion with this project from 1888 to 1900. The main evidence for the above speculation by this writer about how this Page family lived and worked is based on the 1900 Wilson County census report. They were listed as household number 281 in "Toisnot Township" which included the Gardner area. During the time since William H. Page had married Katey Forbes in 1883, she had birthed at least four sons. They were reported in the 1900 Wilson County census as William B., Sidney, Kinney and Roney Page.[27] She may have had other babies but there is no record of them. The sad fact is that Katey Forbes Page died before the 1900 census. Katey was not listed on the 1900 census, and her husband was identified as a widower. She may have been buried with the Pages or with her own parents on their farm. No headstone has been found for her. Additionally, in the William H. Page household were his sisters Ellen and Victoria, his brother Beauregard and their seventy-one-year old mother Rachel Hicks Page.[28] These Pages were a clannish family and they really stuck together. One more deed in the Wilson County Courthouse indicates that William H. Page sold the 262 acre farm he had bought called the Dorsey Robbins farm on 28 September 1900, to John L. Bailey of Elm City, N. C.[29] The sale may have been due to the fact that trying to make a profit to pay the mortgage might have been too much of a burden for William and his family.

Mother Rachel Hicks Page lived past 1904 as she was listed on some of her children's Wilson County marriage records as still alive.[30] A search of the 1910 Wilson County Census did not turn up Rachel Page, so it is assumed by this writer that she died between 1904 and 1910. She was probably buried with her husband William Page but without a headstone. To date that graveyard remains unknown.

Daughter Victoria Page married John David Bailey on 8 May 1902.[31] Brothers William H. and Beauregard Page met the Barefoot sisters Fannie and Delany perhaps somewhere around Elm City, N. C., and they married in 1904.[32] Fannie, Delany and Mary Jane Barefoot inherited their father Dempsey Barefoot's farm. That real estate helped support them for the rest of their lives.[33]

Endnotes and Comments

19. Same as above, no. 17, "farm laborers." There were six family members working as laborers. This seems to suggest that father William Page at this time was also working as a farm laborer for a land owner.
20. J. Robert Boykin, III, *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census*, pg. 330, no. 345.
21. Same as above, no. 20.
22. J. Robert Boykin, III, *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. II*, N-Z, pg. 532, "Page, Bennett to Lottie Page."
23. Same source above, pg. 534, no. 22.
24. After the 1880 Wilson County Census, there is no listing for William Page. His wife is listed as a widow on the 1900 Wilson County census.
25. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, pg. 250, no. 281, "W. H. Page family."
26. Register of Deeds, Wilson County Courthouse, bk. 27, pg. 12, "Dorsey Robbins farm."
27. Same source above, no. 25.
28. Same source above, no. 25.
29. Same source above, no. 26, bk. 49, pg. 226, "William Page to John L. Bailey."
30. Rachel Page was listed alive on Victoria, William H. and Beauregard Page's marriage certificates. Their marriages were in Wilson County.
31. Same source above, no. 22, Vol. I, A-M pg. 25, "J. D. Bailey to Victoria Page."
32. Register of Deeds Office, Wilson County Courthouse, for William H. Page to Fannie Barefoot and Beauregard Page to Delany Barefoot.
33. Same source above, no. 32, bk. 194, pgs. 133-135, Plat bk. 76, pg. 263 and bk. 69, pg. 365.

(William Page continued in next issue of TREES)

(Newsome Family continued from page 50)

The children of William and Mary were:

1. Joab born 1770 married 1) Elizabeth Barnes daughter of Simon Barnes and Mary Horn, and 2) Elizabeth Best, daughter of Benjamin Best, Jr. and Mary Hardy.
2. Charity born 1775 married Samuel Barnes, son of Simon Barnes and Mary Horn.
3. Joseph born 1777 married 1) Christian Barnes, daughter of Simon Barnes and Mary horn, and 2) a cousin Mary Newsom.
4. Mary Polly born 1779 married John Barnes son of Simon Barnes and Mary Horn.
5. Pheriby born 1780 married John Wooten
6. Jordan born 1785 married Elizabeth
7. Exum born 1787 married Mary Peelle
8. Delana born 1790 married William Wooten, Jr.

William Newsome died intestate in July of 1820. His land was divided among his children. Exum had preceeded him in death.

Joab Newsome, son of William and Mary married

1) Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Simon Barnes and Mary Horn about 1792

the children were:

Mary Newsome born 1793 married Lindsey Bell
Norfleet Newsome born 1796 married Nancy Newsom, a cousin
Simon Newsome born 1797 married Patience Best
Orphy Newsome born 1805 married John Peelle
Ady Newsome born 1806
Arrington Newsome born 1809 married Mary Smith

2) Elizabeth Best, daughter of Benjamin Best, Jr. and Mary Hardy in 1815

the children were:

William Best Newsome born 1819 married Gatsey Smith
Simpson Best Newsome born 1824 married Smith Johnson
Richard Alexander Newsome born 1825 married Ellender
Betsy Ann Newsome born 1826
Joab Council Newsome born 1827 married Rebecca Uzzell

(Newsome Family continued on page 58)

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WILLIE GAY'S HEADSTONE FOUND IN ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY.

Black Wide-Awake, afamwilsonnc.com
Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

Jeff Barefoot had read my blog and was passing through Wilson. Curious about Rountree, Odd Fellows and Vick cemeteries, he stopped by, poked around in the woods a bit, and hit the jackpot — the headstone of Willie Gay! Not only had I missed Gay's marker on my forays into Odd Fellows, his is the only one I've seen for a Spanish-American War veteran in these cemeteries.

His marker is inscribed:

WILLIE GAY
CORP.
3 N.C. INF.
SP. AM. WAR
——

The family was recorded in the 1880 census of Wilson, Wilson County, N. C.: Emma Gay, 35; children Charlie, 15, a steam-mill worker, Mary, 11, Etheldred, 8, and Willie, 6; plus a boarder Fannie Thompson, 19, cook.

On 8 January 1894, Willie Gay, 18, and Mary Bunn, 21, were married at the groom's house in Wilson. Presbyterian minister L. J. Melton performed the ceremony in the presence of W. T. Phillips, L. A. Moore, and C. C. Williams.

In the 1900 census of Wilson township, Wilson County, day laborer, William Gay, 26, widower, was living alone.

On 29 October 1902, Willie Gay, 27, son of Charles Gay and Emma Rountree, married Mary Johnson, 22, daughter of Edmund Johnson and Bertha Johnson, at Henry Johnson's. H. S. Phillips applied for the license, and Missionary Baptist minister Fred M. Davis performed the ceremony in the presence of Cain Artis, Charles S. Thomas, and Robert E. Artis.

On 23 March 1906, William Gay, 33, son of Charles and Emma Gay, married Augustus McNeil, 30, daughter of Peter and Emily Patterson, in Wilson. Missionary Baptist minister Fred M. Davis performed the ceremony in the presence of J. E. Farmer, Robert Strickland, and Charlie Farmer.

The family was listed in the 1910 census of Wilson, Wilson County, N. C.: railroad laborer Will Gay, 34; wife Susia, 34, cook; children Paul, 17, railroad laborer, Charlie, 10, Emma, 4, and Georgia, 2; brother-in-law Peter Johnson, 20, hotel waiter; nephew Jessie Lewis, 22, boarding house proprietor; and lodger Nathan Jenkins, 30, oil mill laborer.

In the 1920 census of Wilson, Wilson County, the family was listed at 717 Stantonsburg Street, railroad brakeman William Gay, 48; wife Gertrude, 43; and roomer Oscar Magotte, 26.

The 1920 Wilson, N. C., city directory listed Gay, William, grocer, 717 Stantonsburg Rd.

On 27 December 1922, William Gay, 52, son of Charlie and Emma Gay, married Gertrude Magette, 45, daughter of Jerry and Lucy Magette, in Wilson. Missionary Baptist minister A. L. E. Weeks performed the ceremony in the presence of J. A. Parker, 211 East Spruce Street; Mary L. Moore, 314 South Stantonsburg Street; and Annie E. Weeks, 500 Hadley Street.

In the 1940 census of Kecoughtan, Elizabeth City County, Virginia, Willie Gay, 66, born in North Carolina, lived at the Veterans Administration facility.

Willie Gay died 25 May 1940 at the Veterans Administration hospital in Kecoughtan, Virginia. Per his death certificate, he was born 10 February 1874, in Wilson, N. C., to Charles Gay and Emma Byrum, both of Greene County, N. C.; was divorced; was a veteran of the Spanish American War; was a railroad worker; and lived at 526 Smith Street, Wilson.

On 13 June 1940, Howard M. Fitts applied for a military headstone for Willie Gay. The application for an upright marker noted that Gay had served from 23 June 1898, to 8 February 1899, in Company I, 3rd N. C. Infantry, and achieved the rank of corporal. Gay was to be buried in Rountree (actually, Odd Fellows) Cemetery in Wilson.

A photo of Gay's marker courtesy of Jeff Barefoot has been published at Findagrave.com.

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Joab Newsome lived in the area of Basses and Penrights Swamp north of Fremont until his later years when he moved to Lucama to live with his son Simon. Joab died in 1829 intestate and is buried in the Newsome cemetery south of Lucama.

Simon Newsome, son of Joab Newsome and Elizabeth Barnes, was born in 1797 and married Patience Best. They lived south of Lucama. Simon like his ancestors was a farmer. Simon died after 1880 and is buried in the Newsome cemetery south of Lucama with his wife Patience who died before 1880.

The children of Simon and Patience Newsome were:

1. Drucilla Newsome who married Lawrence Ferrell
2. Polly Newsome born about 1824 married Elisha Bass
3. Reddin B. Newsome born 1825 married Charlotte Howell
4. Winnifred Newsome born 1830
5. Gaston Newsome born 1831
6. Elizabeth Newsome born 1835 married Oliver Ferrell
7. Nancy Newsome born 1836 married Thomas Bass
8. William Jordan Newsome born 1838 married Mary Elizabeth Newsome, a cousin, in Missouri
9. Larry Newsome born 1840

Most of the children of Simon Newsome settled in the Wilson County area. William Jordan Newsome moved to Missouri and married there.

2) Polly Newsome born 1824 married Elisha Bass about 1846 and had a son, Elisha Bass, Jr. born 1847. Polly died during childbirth or shortly afterwards.

3) Reddin Newsome born 1825 married Charlotte Howell of Wayne County and had the following children:
   Mary Ann Newsome born 1850
   Sarah Newsome born 1852 married Joseph Moore, Jr.
   Jonathan Newsome born 1854 married Lousetta Barnes daughter of Ruffin Barnes
   Patience Frances Newsome born 1856 married Elder P. T. Lucas
   James Henry Newsome born 1858 married Addie (Rose) Lucas
   William Jordan Newsome born 1859 did not marry
   Larry Edward Newsome born 1862 married Julia Deans

6) Elizabeth Newsome born 1835 married Oliver Ferrell and had the following children:

   Nellie Ferrell married Jonathan Gifford, Jr.
   Rosetta Ferrell married George W. Barnes
   Thomas J. Ferrell born 1849 married Emily Renfrow
   Smithie Ferrell born 1851 married Jacob Jordan Barnes
   Catherine Ferrell born 1857 married May Moore
   John William Ferrell born 1859 married 1) Delacy Aycock, 2) Clara Aycock

7) Nancy Newsome born 1836 married Thomas Bass about 1856. The children were:

   Robert Bass born 1857 married Lydia Hooks
   Barney Bass born 1861 married Bethanie Edgerton
   Nempie Leonia Bass born 1862 married Jesse Adam Lamm

Most of the decendants of Joab Newsome have remained in the Wilson County area.

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***** With the March issue, the death notices/obituaries of 1281 persons have been published in *Trees of Wilson* since the first issue in January 1992, The list of those persons can be reviewed on the WCGS website. *****

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Some biographical data submitted by Charles Clement Lucas, Jr. MD

I have 20 years of research all original by me. I have a GED Com file with 67000 names entered one at a time by me.
Most of the info is about Eastern NC families. Includes wills marriages burials.
Much comes from Bobby Boykin. Also includes work by Joan Howell.
I grew up in Lucama. Al Bass and Bobby and Susan Boykin are my cousins many times over as well as Al Bass.
I am administrator of Family Tree DNA Lucas surname project.
http://www.lucas-family.org/
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